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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I purchased a TracFone mainly for emergencies. I do not you any other type of wireless service, nor do I intend to. I very seldom use the phone, but both my wife and I feel more secure having it around for security. Somehow this type of an increase seems unfair. Twelve dollars a year may not seem like much, but to a retired couple on a fixed income it is. I don't feel as though all should have to share the burden for a few. If you must increase the cost, it should be done on a per usage basis and not accross the board penalizing those who consider the phone a necessity and not a luxury.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members